

Page 22, Table 2, Column 3, replace "1.81 cm" with --18.1 cm<sup>2</sup>--.

Please replace the drawing sheet that contains Figures 4-7 with the attached drawing sheet.

Please replace the present Abstract with the following Abstract:

--A filtering face mask that includes a mask body and an exhalation valve. The mask body is adapted to fit over the nose and mouth of a wearer. The exhalation valve is attached to the mask body and has a valve seat that includes a seal surface, an orifice that is circumscribed by the seal surface, and cross members that extend across the orifice to create a plurality of openings within the orifice. The valve also includes a single flexible flap that has a fixed portion and a free portion and first and second opposing ends. The first end of the single flexible flap is associated with the fixed portion of the flap so as to remain at rest during an exhalation, and the second end being associated with the free portion of the flexible flap so as to be lifted away from the seal surface during an exhalation. The second end also is located below the first end when the filtering face mask is worn on a person. The flexible flap is positioned on the valve seat such that the flap is pressed towards the seal surface in an abutting relationship therewith when a fluid is not passing through the orifice. The flexible flap is secured to the valve seat at the fixed portion of the flap at two securement points that are both disposed outside a region encompassed by the valve seat orifice.--

**Kindly cancel claims 1-32. Please add the following new claims 33-62:**